

Other Voices

'Reforms today's need'

'Prevent the return of ISIS'

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

I believe that I was the only one, at least locally, who insisted from day one of the declaration of the "Islamic State" by Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi that it was a sound religious process, consistent with what is known about Sharia, and no regional or international state was founded. "I am a reader of history. It is inconceivable that all those who fought in the ranks of the Islamic State, sacrificed their lives."



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They are still sacrificing their lives and sacrificing their families because Israel, America or even Iran asked them to do so. The absence of the media, the audiovisual, the hatred of Muslims to codify in absence of real historians, have obscured the history of such movements.

We have only received crumbs from them, and perhaps the state of Hassan Al-Sabbah, similar to the project of Islamic countries. He was born in Iran in 1037 AD and came to Ismailia as a young man. He left behind manuscripts in his handwriting, enabling scholars to know a lot about his movement. He stated that he decided to spread his doctrine in Persia after returning from a visit to Egypt in 1078 AD.

He chose, after a painstaking search he found the fortified "Alamut Castle", which is located at a height of 2,100 meters, as a place to manage his call. His influence spread into many neighboring areas. He remained in

the castle until he died 35 years later, without ever leaving, because he was afraid in the event of failure, the people would kill him and commit massacres.

The success of the assassination of the minister began in 1092, followed by a series of major assassinations involving kings, princes, leaders and clerics. His call continued after his death in 1124 until Hulagu Khan conquered the Alamut Castle in 1256 and destroyed his terrorist movement.

The Islamic State now faces something like a collapse and its end is a matter of time. US President Donald Trump and the great European countries have demanded the reception and trial of the 800 Kurdish 'martyrs' loyal to America.

What prevents Trump from taking in prisoners, or evicting them or deporting them to a place that will never be heard of, knowing well that whoever will be imprisoned will be heard of after interrogation and a lot will be known about the corrupt state.

The story of the British 'Shamima Begum' who fled to Syria to be a 'fun tool' for ISIS fighters, gave birth to three children before the age of twenty. Who was behind her escape from Britain and join the DAESH movement? Was it the idea of the US, Iran or the Israeli intelligence?

This ISIS will inevitably end, and we should benefit from the experience and prevent its recurrence, by seriously considering the amendment of the curricula in the schools and the development of advocacy and media discourse, and to give more freedom to say.

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Lt Gen Hashim Al-Refai, Major General Faleh Shuja'a and other senior officers at the end of the training course.

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KNG marks commandos training course conclusion

National Guard last week celebrated the end of the basic training course of commandos in which men from the Army, Police and the National Assembly Guard participated. Undersecretary of the National Guard

graced the occasion, which was held under the patronage and in the presence of Lieutenant General Hashim Al Refai.

Other high-ranking officers in attendance included the Assistant Operations and Training

Director of National Guard Major General Faleh Shuja'a, Head of the Amiri Guard Major General Fahad Al Zaid, and Assistant Secretary General for National Council Affairs Major General Khaled Al Weqait.

Lieutenant General Al-Refai's in a speech conveyed the compliments of Highness Sheikh Salem Al-Ali, Head of the National Guard, and his deputy Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad to the graduating officers.

Ministry sends 15 firms suspected of real estate fraud to prosecution

'Many complaints lack docs, official contracts'

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 23: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has so far received about 659 real estate complaints filed against 62 companies with the total amount estimated at 32.6 million dinars, reports Al-Rai daily quoting reliable sources.

These figures will weaken the recent unofficial estimates from more than one party, which reported the existence of fraud real estate operations worth about 600 million dinars.

The sources pointed out that what is known as the mass victims of the real estate fraud, the ministry has said it has received about 1,000 complaints about the fraudulent real estate operations, but does not have the documents required to support all these complaints.

The sources explained the ministry has referred to the Prosecution 15 companies suspected of the real estate fraud, while taking precautionary measures against 14 companies, including the suspension of some of them.

The sources said that the ministry is waiting for the issuance of money laundering report against 6 companies, to determine the eligibility for referral to the prosecution.

A complaint has been filed with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and three companies were found guilty of their activities, pointing out that complaints were dismissed as belonging to civil cases and related to contractual disputes.

Sources pointed out that the real estate map supersedes the complaints inside Kuwait, including the areas of the Khairan Pearl, Bneid Al-Qar and Sabah Al-Ahmad Maritime.

Other companies are based in Egypt, Bahrain, Bosnia, UAE, Lebanon, Oman, Jordan, the Sudan, Spain, Britain, Georgia, Turkey, Austria, Bulgaria, France, Holland, America, Germany, Thailand and Italy.

The sources pointed out that there are 31 complaints filed by the Kuwaiti judiciary, including one with the Egyptian judiciary, five in Turkey, one in the Netherlands, one in Britain, one in Germany and one in the UAE, while the case has yet to



Damage caused by the fire.

KFSD photo

23 hurt, 100 rescued in Mahboula fire

A total of 23 expatriates including women and children suffered from smoke inhalation when a huge fire broke out in a building in Mahboula area, says Al-Seyassah.

According to sources, when the Control Room of Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) received information

about the building on fire, firefighters rushed to the location with securitymen and paramedics.

After discovering that more than 100 tenants were trapped inside the building, firefighters immediately rescued them, and referred 23 of them to the paramedics at the site.

The victims were referred to Adan, Mubarak Al-Kabeer and Farwaniya hospitals for treatment.

Firefighters exerted tremendous efforts to extinguish the fire. They discovered that the fire broke out in the laundry room and spread to the annexe and the storage area.

be settled in one of the complaints between Kuwait and Turkey.

The Ministry's investigations in this regard showed that a large part of the real estate in dispute was related to contractual terms and conditions, which were beyond the scope of the ministry's authority, and it was found that there were no contracts signed between some complainants and the companies in dispute and this weakened their legal position.

To date there are 127 complaints filed against one company worth about 6 million dinars, while one complaint against one of the listed companies is worth just over 600 dinars.

The sources pointed out that the supervisory limits of the ministry

are related to the quality of the complaint. The responsibility is limited to brokerage and the organization of real estate exhibitions in the local market. The Ministry's role in establishing real estate exhibitions in Kuwait is by ensuring that there is a commercial license.

Woman says raped: Police are looking for a Kuwaiti for kidnapping and holding hostage a young woman inside an apartment in Jahra for five days, reports Al-Rai daily.

The suspect is said to have allegedly 'raped' his victim over five days before letting her go.

In her complaint, the young woman said she fell for the trap when the young man lured her to spend some

time with him alone in the apartment.

Without going into more details, police said the woman has given police details about the suspect.

Liquor trader held: Police have arrested a Kuwaiti for trading in imported alcohol, reports Al-Rai daily.

The suspect, who is an ex-criminal was caught in Fintas when he ignored police orders to pull over. He was chased and forced to stop.

When police checked his vehicle they found five bottles of booze. During interrogation he admitted to trading in booze.

The contraband and the suspect have been referred to the General Department for Drugs and Alcohol Control.

Call to expedite process

Evicting singles on panel agenda

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 23: In order to accelerate the work of the committee tasked with addressing the phenomenon of housing singles in the private and model housing areas, based on the desire of the Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Fahd Al-Shoula, the Chairman of the Committee Ammar Al-Ammar has invited government agencies assigned to nominate their representatives in the committee to conduct its work which is expected to begin early March, reports Al-Rai daily.

The mechanism of the committee's work will be systematic, studied and well directed to target the eviction of singles from private and model housing areas, and to find alternative places for them.

Al-Shoula said several obstacles in the past have prevented the solution to the problem of singles and the Committee will face great challenges to find a way out before the start of the meetings, especially as the solutions will be comprehensive involving all branches of the Municipality and the Ministry of Interior to ascertain the implementation of the decision.

The other solution that would eliminate the abuses currently occurring in private and model housing will be to hold the inspector in charge of his work accountable and refer him for investigation immediately especially since most of the complaints of the parents claim that they are not taken seriously because of the favoritism of some inspectors.

News in Brief

KFSD, MoH hold meet: Under the guidance of Deputy Prime Minister and State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh and based on the request of Minister of Health Dr Bassel Humoud Al-Sabah, a meeting was held on Monday at Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) headquarters.

According to a press release issued by KFSD, the meeting was headed by Deputy Director General of KFSD Major General Khalid Yousef Al-Tarkit, and held in the presence of Deputy Director General of Control Sector Major General Jamal Bader Al-Belalhis and Director of Medical Emergency Department at Ministry of Health Munderh Al-Jalahma. Other high-ranking officials were also present at the meeting.

During the meeting, the two parties agreed to enhance cooperation for training employees of Ministry of Health about the basic methods of dealing with fire incidents that could occur at hospitals and medical centers.

They also agreed to organize joint exercises for training workers on evacuation methods and extinguishing fire in order to reduce the level of damage prior to the arrival of fire-fighters.

Fire wrecks 3 cars: Fire engulfed three vehicles in Mubarak Al-Kabeer area. No casualties were reported.

In a press release issued by Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD), Public Relations and Media Department said the Control Room of KFSD, after receiving information about the vehicles on fire, dispatched fire-fighters to the location with securitymen and paramedics.

Fire-fighters extinguished the fire before it spread to other vehicles. Investigations have been launched to determine the cause of the fire.

Blogger acquitted: The Court of Cassation upheld the verdict issued by a lower court which acquitted blogger Khalifa Al-Hashash of charges of publishing false news related to election rigging via video clips on his Twitter account.

According to the case file, the blogger was arrested by police based on an arrest warrant issued by the Public Prosecution under allegations of posting video clips on Twitter with false information and committing a crime classified as a State Security crime.

Allowance sanctioned: The Administrative Court affirmed the right of an administrative coordinator at the Directorate General for Civil Aviation (DGCA) to receive allowances for shift duty, night duty and feeding retroactively from May 2017.

In a lawsuit filed by Lawyer Meshari Al-Fulaihan on behalf of the administrative coordinator, he explained that his client was working as an assistant in DGCA and had requested cancellation of the negative decision concerning allowances, which contradicted the decision of Civil Service Commission (CSC) to no avail. She was surprised when the allowances were paid for only six months and then suspended, leaving her with no alternative other than seeking legal redress.

The lawyer supported the claims with relevant documents.

'Pay firm KD 1 mln': The Commercial Court has instructed a major company to pay KD1 million to the owner of another company based on the report of an expert assigned by the court to calculate the value of the contract signed between the two parties for designing and constructing tanks and boards for distributing electricity.

Attorney Dr Muhammad Menwer, who represented the plaintiff in court, pointed out that his client agreed with the defendant to supply electric equipment but the defendant failed to fulfill his obligations as per the contract.

Expat attacks police: The Interior Ministry commenting on a video clip that has gone viral in the social media about a fight between some citizens and expatriates in Shuwaikh said the fight took place four days ago and that those involved in the fight have been arrested, reports Al-Rai daily.

The ministry report said one of the expatriates attacked a policeman before he was overpowered and referred to the authorities.

The others have also been arrested and referred for interrogation.

Landmine hurts one: An Asian shepherd sustained serious injuries when a live landmine exploded in Salmi area.

According to sources, he was in the area with a herd of sheep when he stepped on a strange object and it exploded, causing serious injuries. He has been referred to Jahra Hospital for treatment.

Investigations revealed that the landmine is one of the remnants of the Iraqi invasion in Kuwait.

Arms found in Andalus sewers

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 23: Ministry of Interior has announced that the weapons including two machine guns and bullets found in the sewage system in Andalus area are remnants of the Iraqi invasion, says Al-Seyassah.

Reports had circulated on social media concerning the discovery of weapons in a lot in Andalus area. In response to these reports, the ministry had issued the statement, affirming that necessary steps were taken to deal with the weapons.

Meanwhile, personnel from the Criminal Evidences Department have lifted fingerprints from the vehicle after an unknown thief broke into the vehicle of an Asian and stole KD 150, reports Al-Anba daily.

He told police the incident

happened in Saad Al-Abdullah. He told police the car was parked in the parking lot in the area and when he returned to the car he saw the triangle glass of the car broken and papers inside the car scattered all over the place inside the vehicle.

And, a Kuwaiti citizen who is wanted by law for embezzlement was arrested near a cooperative society in Abdullah Al-Mubarak area.

According to security sources, Farwaniya securitymen were patrolling the area when they suspected the individual and checked his details to discover he was sentenced in absentia to two-year imprisonment in an embezzlement case.

He was referred to the concerned authorities for necessary legal action.

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26th February 2005 - 26th February 2019



Mirantha Fernando

"The depths of sorrow we cannot tell
Of the loss of one we loved so well;
And while he sleeps a peaceful sleep
His memory we shall always keep"

Dearly missed by - Dad, Mum, Niranjan, Hiran, Nita, Judy, Nichelle, Aaron, Nicole, Portia, Granna, Nicole & Aunts, Cousins & your friends in Australia.